

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: GLUTATHIONE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR DOSAGE FORMS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:**

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/673,449 filed October 16, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, which is the National Stage of PCT/JP99/02044 filed April 16, 1999.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please enter the following amended claim.**

19. (amended) A hematopoiesis promoting agent comprising the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16.

**Please add the following new claims.**